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WEARING APPAREL.

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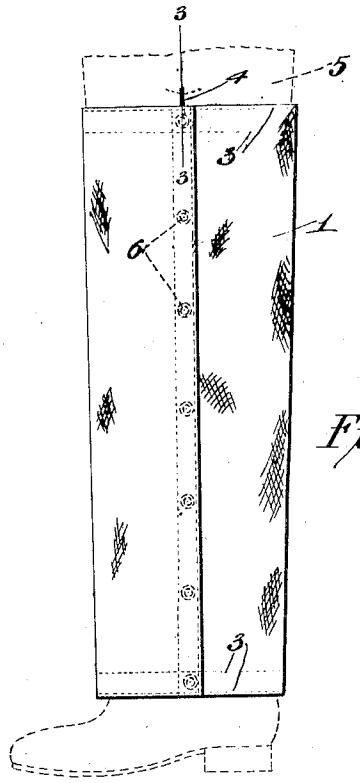


Fig. 1

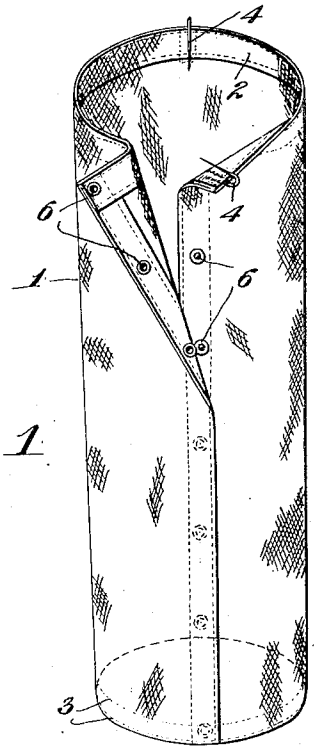


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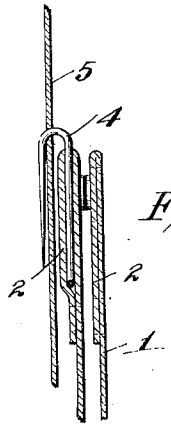


Fig. 3

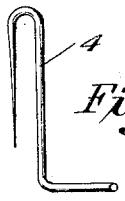


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. EWING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and has particular reference to a new and useful garment designed to be worn in such manner as to protect such normally exposed clothing as is worn between the lower edge of a coat and the shoes from the effects of adverse weather.

It is a well known fact, apparent from common observation and experience, that under wet or inclement weather conditions garments of current fashion have their lower limb covering portions unprotected and are therefore subjected to the effects of rain or other moisture. This is attributable to the standard length of overcoats, rain coats or the like which are so designed as to terminate substantially around the knees, thus leaving the garments beneath the same subject to the effects of the weather; moreover, even the protection of an umbrella is not usually sufficient to overcome or obliterate this condition. Naturally, such undue wetting of the exposed garments is very apt to have a detrimental effect upon the health of the wearer, and to say the least a very disagreeable and uncomfortable condition is present, and one which has the effect of rendering well kept garments unsightly.

The present invention, therefore, consists in the provision of an easily attachable, securely held and conveniently removable garment which is designed to be worn over and to incase and protect the articles of clothing normally exposed between the knees and feet of a wearer, and to form such garment of a material impervious to the penetration of moisture so that the clothing protected thereby will be maintained in a perfectly dry condition, and the discomforts and attendant results of wet garments eliminated.

For a further understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved garment comprising the present invention, and illustrating the same in its applied position,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the garment illustrating the same by itself,

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken along the plane disclosed by the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the supporting hooks.

Referring more particularly to the details of the invention, use is made of a trouser protecting garment 1, which is adapted to be employed, as aforesaid, for the express purpose of preventing the lower portions of a pair of trousers from being subjected to the effects of wet weather. The garment 1 in the form disclosed in the drawings consists of a tubular body portion which is preferably formed from a waterproof material, such as rubberized fabric.

The upper and lower edges of the garment are inturned and overlapped so as to provide reinforcements 2, which serve in the usual capacity of preventing rips or tears in the garment and also serve to reduce the wear which inevitably takes place at the extremities of the garment. The garment may be formed in suitable lengths, so as to be capable of extending from a position contiguous to the knees of a wearer to a position appreciably below the lower edges of a pair of trousers, and by being of such length, the garment is fully capable of protecting such portions of the trousers as are normally exposed to weather conditions.

The garment may be formed from a single piece of material, or a number of sections that are stitched or otherwise secured to form a sheet of material. The side edges of this material may be then stitched or otherwise secured together as at 3 so that the tubular formation of the garment will be produced. Ordinarily, the garment is of such fullness as to permit the same to be positioned upon the limb of a wearer by merely inserting the foot through the same, and then by drawing the garment upwardly around the trousers until its suitable position of application has been reached. Then, to support the garment in its applied position, the upper marginal edge thereof is provided with a plurality of sharp pointed hooks 4, which are securely embedded and retained in the upper reinforcement, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3. Said hooks are of inverted U shaped formation and are provided with

parallel legs, which are joined by a central hump. The outer leg is disposed to extend within and parallel with the inner surface of the garment, while the inner leg is embedded within the upper reinforcement so as to securely hold the hook in position. As stated, the outer leg is slightly spaced from the inner surface of the garment so that a space will be defined for the reception of that portion of the trousers 5 or other article of clothing with which the hook engages. It will be apparent that by virtue of the sharp pointed construction of the hooks, the legs thereof may be readily inserted into engagement with the trousers, and by the presence of the humps or yokes of the hooks, the garment will be supported upon the trousers 5. This hook construction is particularly advantageous in the present garment, in that it permits of the convenient association of the garment with an article of clothing, it is concealed from exterior view, and will effectively support the garment in its applied position.

If desired, the edges 3 may be connected permanently by stitching, but this construction is open to the objection that in order to be applied the foot must be first inserted through the garment. Therefore, in the preferred form of the invention use is made of a plurality of snap fasteners 6 which are so related as to permit the edges 3 to be securely connected together in overlapped relation. By virtue of the fasteners 6 it is not necessary to insert the shoe through the garment 1 in order to effect the application of the latter. This may be easily accomplished by separating the fasteners 6, and then in applying the garment around the trousers in a legging-like manner. This construction also renders the operation of removing the garment a simple one and eliminates the disagreeable task of removing the garment by passing wet shoes through the same. However, it is believed to be within the ambit of the invention to either permanently of temporarily fasten the edges 3 together.

In view of the foregoing it will be appreciated that the present invention provides a garment which is of considerable utility in its stated capacity and one which will effectively serve to protect hitherto exposed garments from the disagreeable effects of wet weather. It has been stated that the garment is particularly useful in protecting the lower portions of trousers, but obviously by simply altering slightly the dimensions of the garment the latter may be usefully applied in protecting the lower edges of a lady's skirt, and the use of the invention in this capacity is fully contemplated. The hooks 4 are believed to form another very desirable feature of the present garment, in that they permit of its ready attachment in connection with an article of clothing and otherwise render the garment practical and efficient. Also, the presence of the fasteners 6 serves to more fully develop the garment by permitting the latter to be readily applied or removed from its operative position.

I claim:

1. A garment of the character specified, a substantially tubular body portion formed from a weatherproof material and of such fullness as to receive within the same articles of clothing situated substantially between the knees and feet of a wearer, and hooks carried by the upper marginal edge of said garment and capable of penetrating said clothing to effect a secure yet removable support of said garment in its applied position.

2. A garment of the character specified, a substantially tubular body portion formed from a weatherproof material and of such fullness as to receive within the same articles of clothing situated between the knees and feet of a wearer, and a plurality of supporting hooks carried by the upper marginal edge of said garment, each of said hooks comprising a pair of parallel legs, the outer of which being embedded in the upper marginal portion of said garment, and said inner leg being disposed to lie in parallelism with the outer leg and spaced from the inner surface of said garment, said inner leg terminating in a sharpened extremity, by means of which an article of clothing may be positioned between said inner leg and the inner surface of said garment, and said legs being connected by means of a yoke portion which operates to limit the downward movement of the garment upon the article of clothing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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